

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/CA2005/000937

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC(7): H04L 12/24, H04L 12/22, H04L 9/32, H04L 12/54

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC⁷: H04L * (all subclasses, keywords)

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic database(s) consulted during the international search (name of database(s) and, where practicable, search terms used)

Delphion, Canadian Patent Database, USPTO (Keywords: identity management network, homesite, identity store, user, contact information, identity management, authentication, security, data exchange, e-mail, identifier)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 20030229783 A1 (HARDT) 11 December 2003 (11-12-2003) abstract; page 3-page 4, paragraph [0023]; page 4, paragraph [0024]-paragraph [0027]; page 9, paragraph [0070]; Figure 6, Figure 8, Figure 9;	1-7
A	US 20030204725 A1 (ITOI et al) 30 October 2003 (30-10-2003) abstract; *see whole document*	1-7
A	US 20020016721 A1 (MASON et al) 7 February 2002 (07-02-2002) abstract; *see whole document*	8-17

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

☒ See patent family annex.

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of the first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons :

1. ☐ Claim Nos. :
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely :

These claims constitute a second invention for which fees have not been paid.
2. ☐ Claim Nos. :
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically :
3. ☐ Claim Nos. :
because they are dependant claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows :

Group 1:

Claims 1-7 are directed to a method of obtaining contact information from a node in an identity network upon the receipt of a homesite identifier and a user identifier associated with an e-mail.

Group 2:

Claims 8-17 are directed to a method of a web service provider releasing information associated with a user to a third party wherein the release of information to the third part can only occur after obtaining user authentication and authorization.

1. ☒ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of additional fees.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claim Nos. :
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claim Nos. :

- Remark on Protest** ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest and, where applicable, the payment of a protest fee.
- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest but the applicable protest fee was not paid within the time limit specified in the invitation.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Information on patent family members

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